

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended herein, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 – 27 are currently pending and have been noted as allowed, for which the Applicants would like to thank the Examiner. In the Office Action it was indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for certain formal matters.

**Drawings**

The drawings have been objected to. The reference character 12 has been used in Fig. 15 to represent both the front cover 12 and the guide track 12g (formerly, the “alignment channel” of claim 2). Figs. 15 and 17 have been amended to use the reference number “12g” in connection with the guide track. Redlined copies of Figs. 15 and 17 showing this change are additionally included herewith. Further, the paragraph of the specification appearing at page 8, lines 1 – 14, has been amended to add the reference number 12g after the phrase “guide track”.

The drawings were further objected to because of Applicants’ incorrect use of the primes of references numerals “16a”, “16b”, “17a” and “17b” in Figs. 19 – 25. Figs. 19 – 25 have been amended to reference the lens door (formerly 16’) with the reference numeral “116”. Correspondingly, Figs. 19 – 25 have been amended to reference the loop (formerly 16a’) and slot (formerly 16b’) as reference numerals 116a and 116b, respectively. Figs. 19 – 25 have been further amended to reference the inner lens door cover (formerly 17’) with the reference numeral 117. Correspondingly, Figs. 19 – 25 have been amended to reference the taking lens aperture (formerly 17a’), the viewfinder aperture (formerly 17b’) and the guide rib (formerly 17c’) by the reference numerals 117a, 117b and 117c, respectively. Redlined copies of Figs. 19 and 25 showing this change are additionally included herewith. Further, the paragraphs of the specification beginning at page 9, line 17, and running through page 12, line 2, have been amended to reflect these changes.

Additionally, as has been shown in the red lined drawings, Fig. 24 has been amended to correct a typo wherein reference numeral “140a” was denoted as “a40a”. Additionally, Fig. 19 has been amended to refer to the directional arrow “A” as - - A’ - -, as is referred to on page 10, line 6 of the specification, as originally filed.

### **Specification**

The disclosure was objected to for various informalities.

On page 3, line 23, the brief description of the drawings was objected to as not including a proper description of figures 8 – 28. The specification has been amended to properly recite a description of these figures. It is believed that these descriptions are supported by the drawings and by the specification. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

On page 6, line 26, the specification has been objected to as not being grammatically correct. The paragraph containing that line has been amended to particularly address this objection.

On pages 6 and 7, the figure labels for Figs. 13B and 13A, respectively, were not correctly set forth. The specification has been amended to correct these defects.

On page 7, line 22, the reference numeral “26b” was amended to be –16b--.

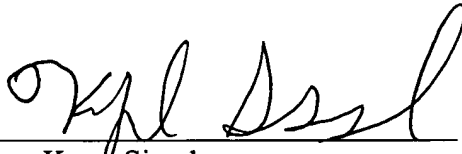
On page 9, the terminology for the disclosed “inner lens door cover 17’ ” was objected to as a “miss-use of the terminology as element 17’ does not cover the lens.” Applicants’ suggest the term “inner lens door mechanism support base” to more appropriately describe element 17’ (now referred to as element number 117). As described on originally filed page 10, lines 10 – 15, the pendular lever 130 of the mechanical door mechanism of that embodiment is fixed to and supported by the element 17’ by a rivet, pin or head stake 135. As such, all references to the element 17’ have been changed to refer to “inner lens door mechanism support base 117”.

Further, the specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the “alignment channel”, set forth in claim 2. Claim 2 has been amended to change “alignment channel” to “guide track”, as referenced on page 8, lines 6 – 7 of the specification, as originally filed.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims are presently in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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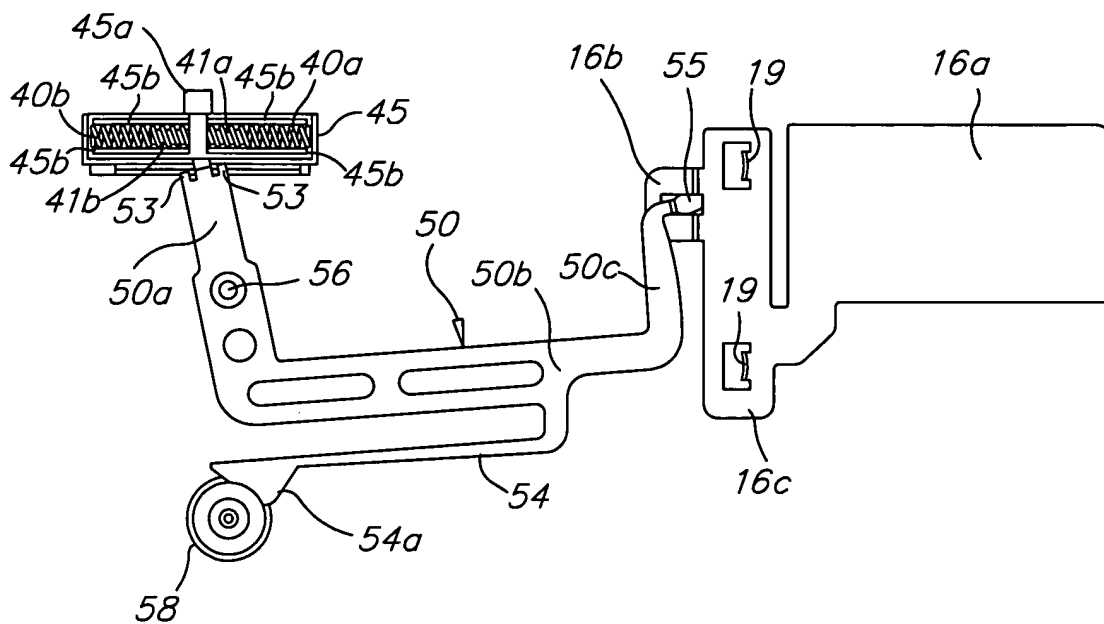


FIG. 14

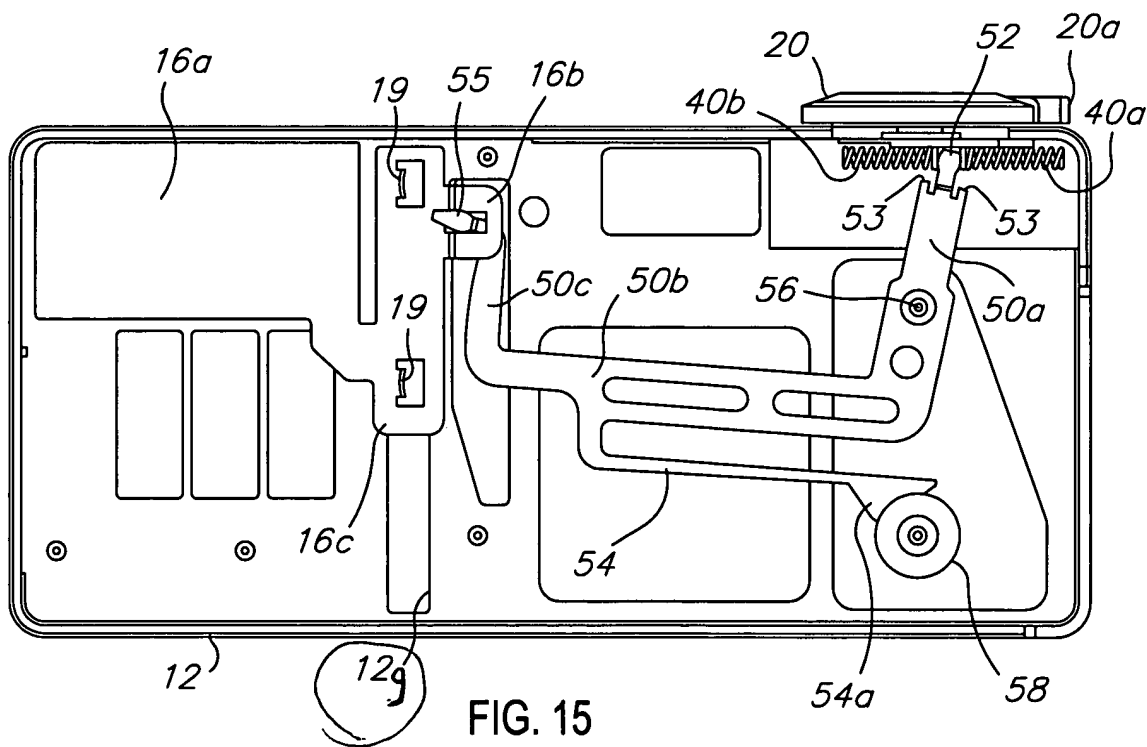


FIG. 15

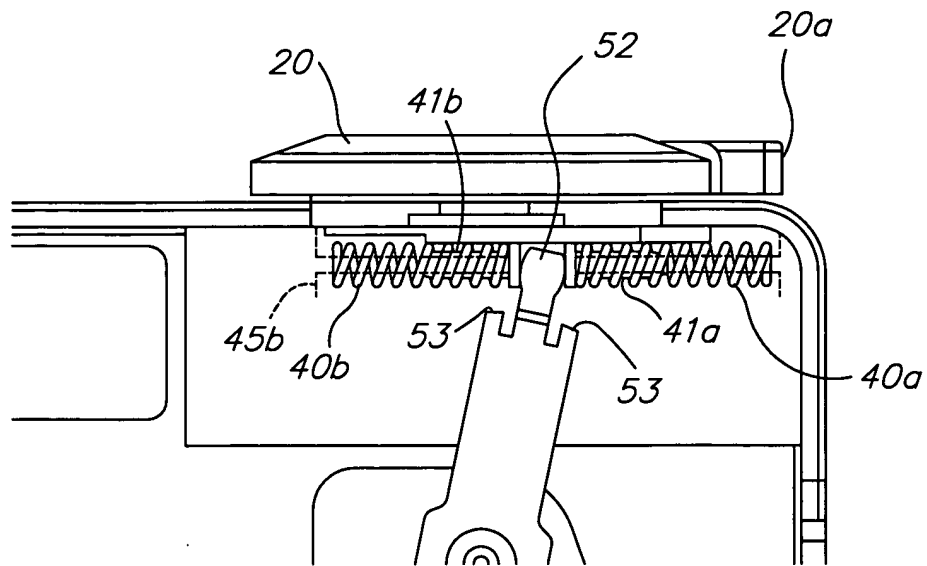


FIG. 16

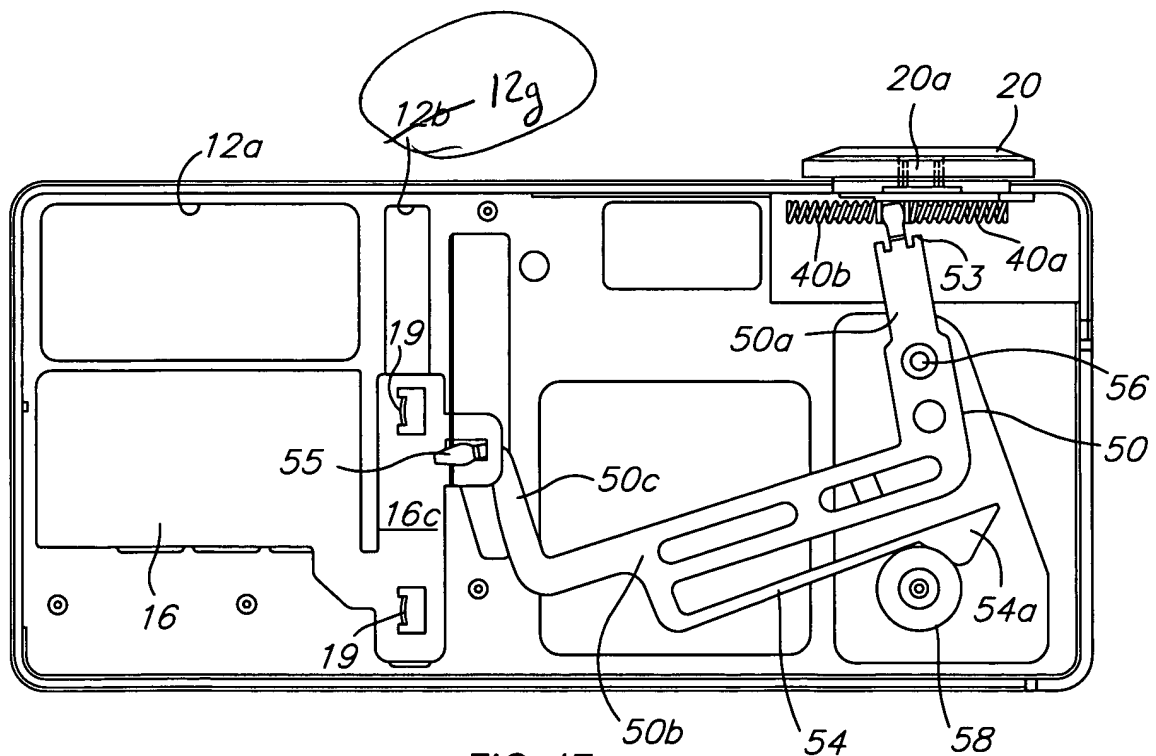


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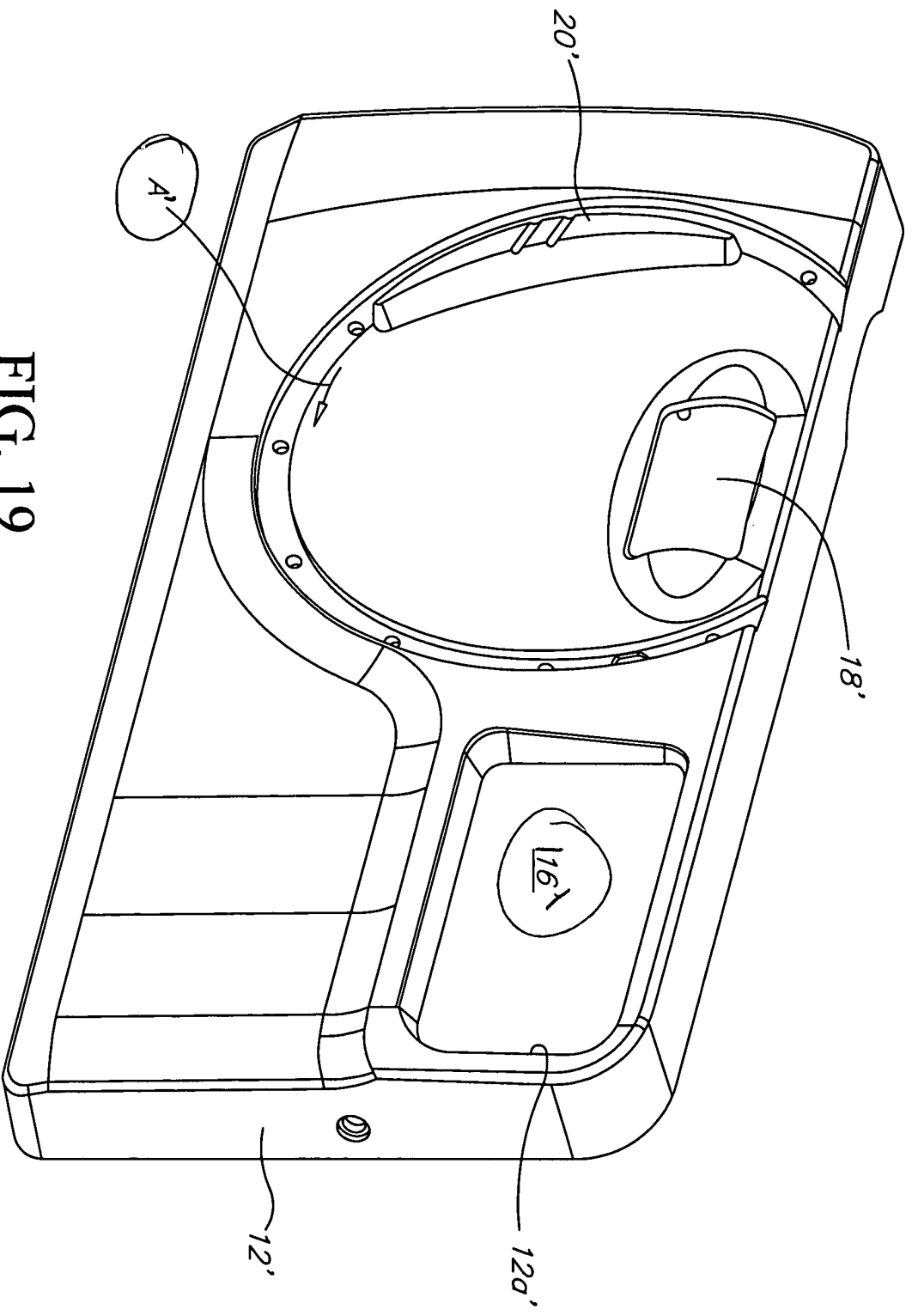


FIG. 19



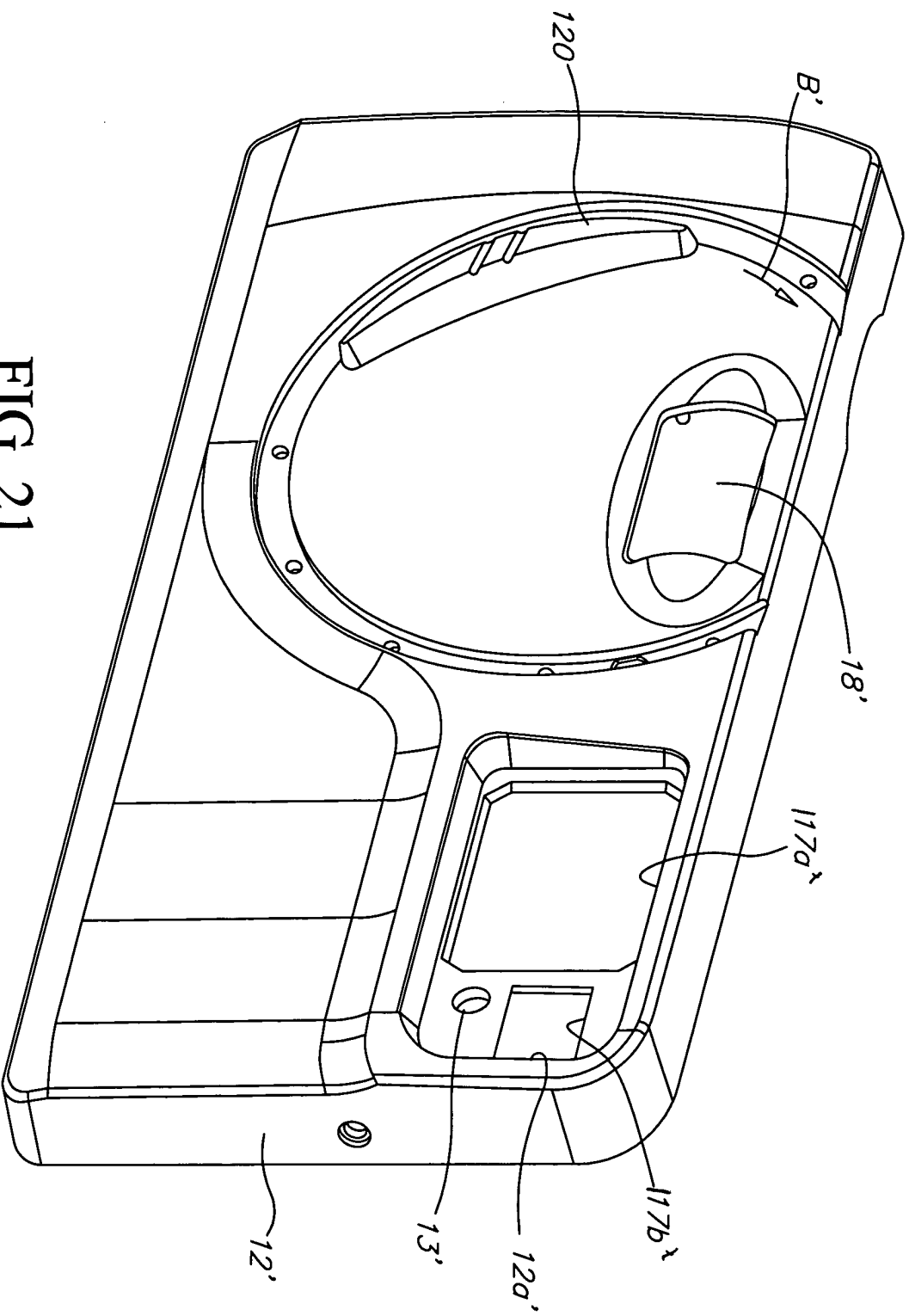


FIG. 21





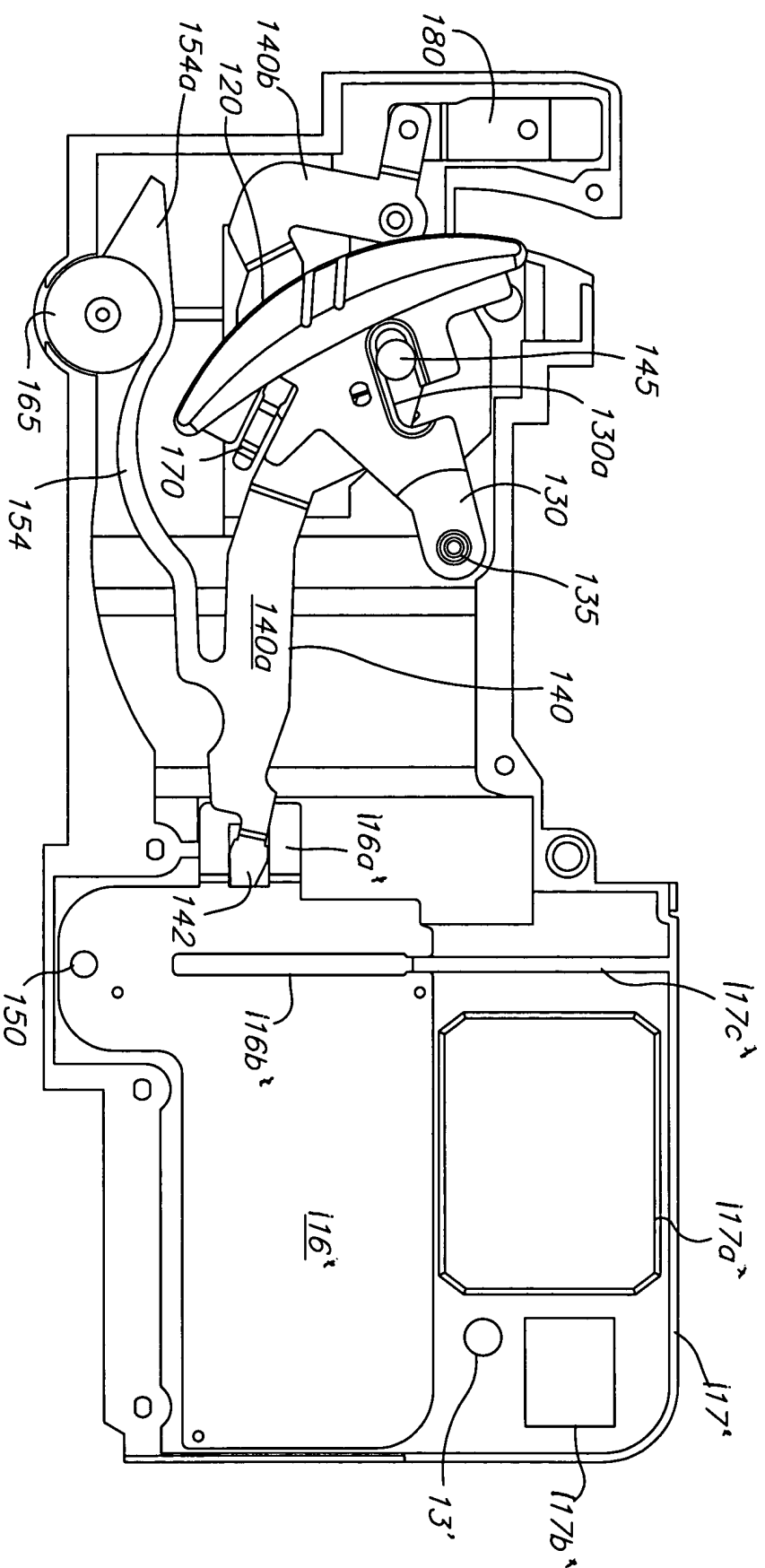


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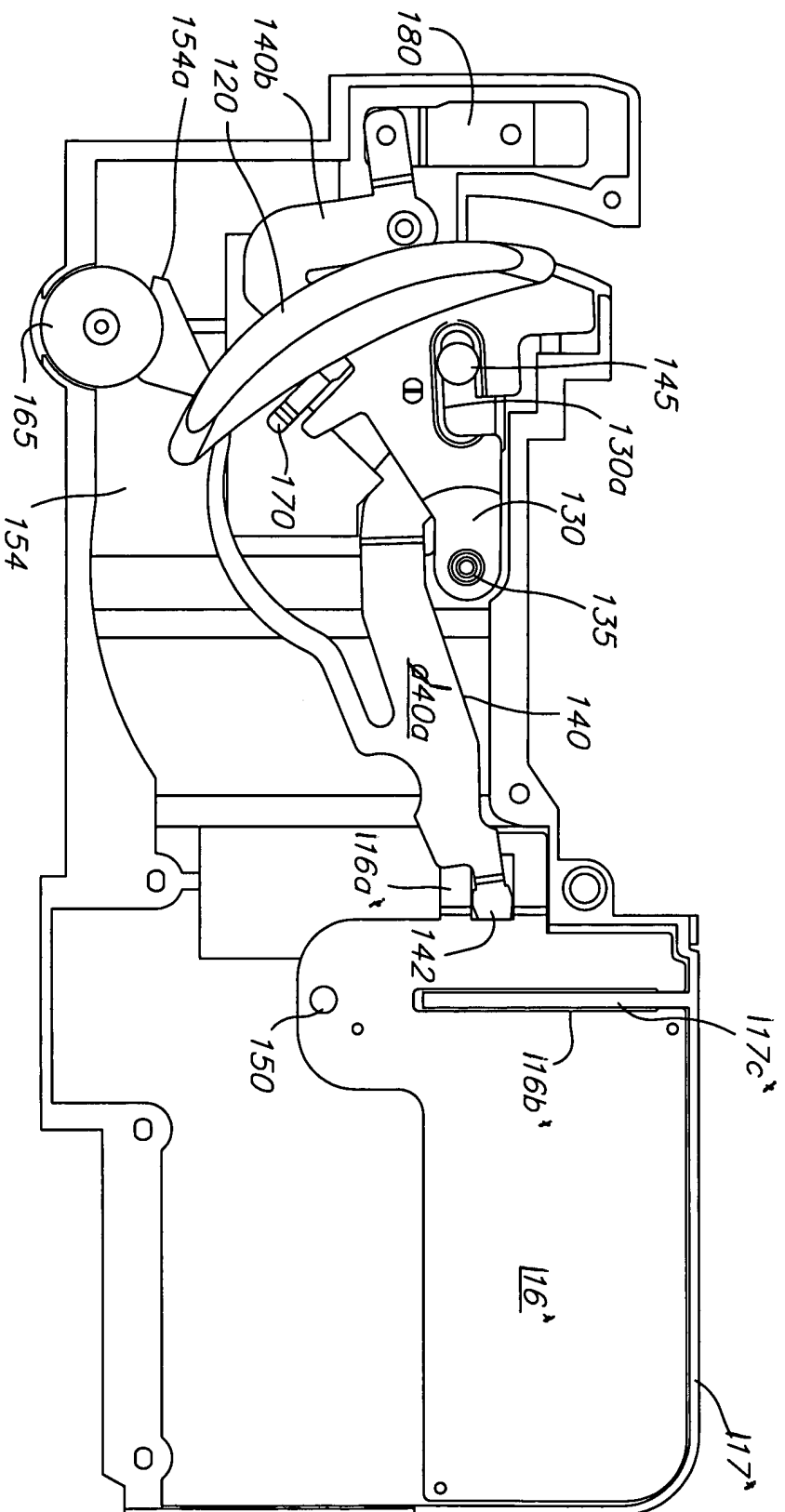


FIG. 24

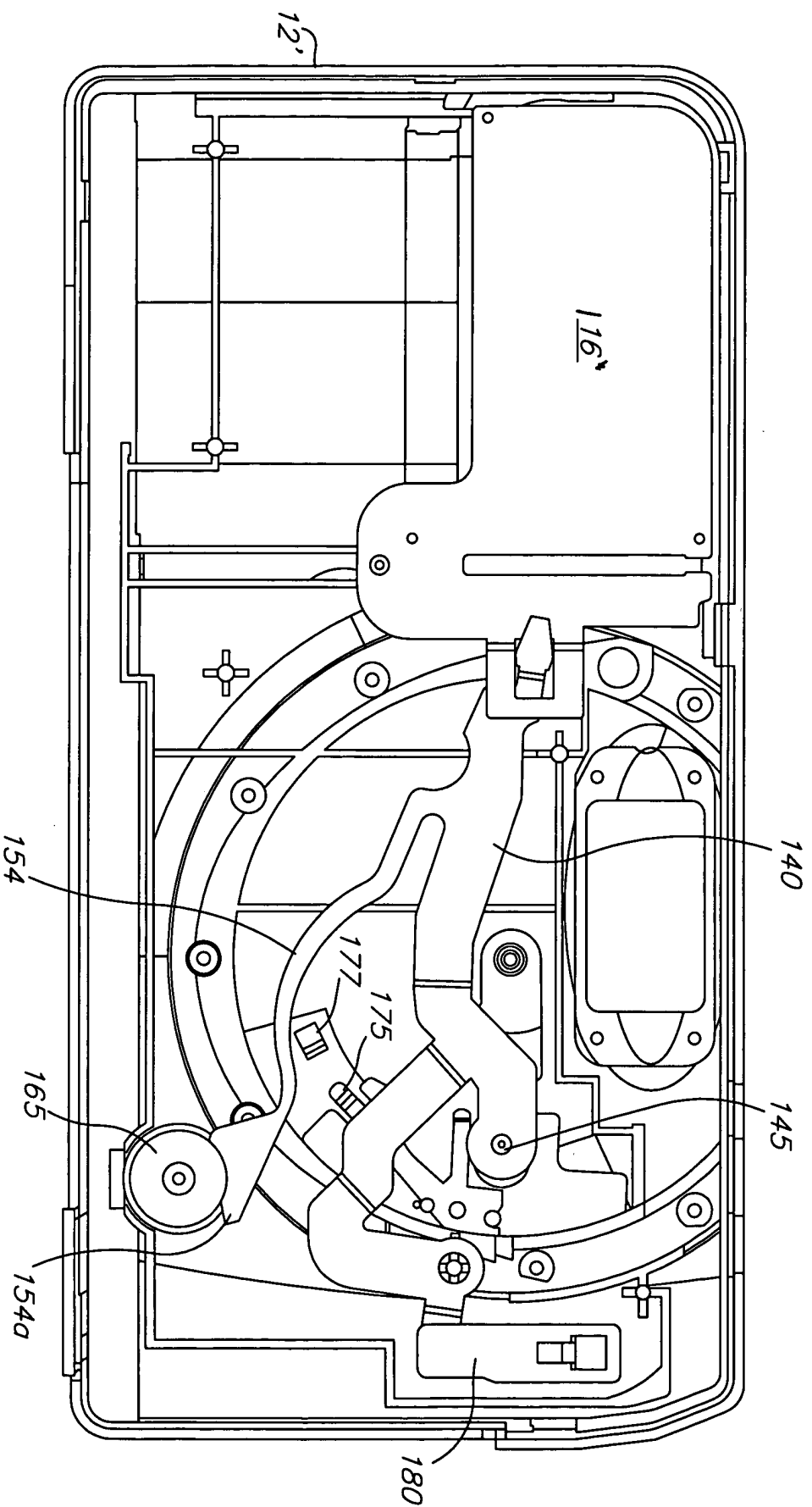


FIG. 25